

and physical dynamics of Evansville's center city, the non-profit organization lifts-up the underserved with critical programming and connective opportunities in areas of affordable housing and home ownership, medical services, youth and young adult employment, business financing, job creation . . . all while contributing to city's economic development and community enrichment. It has empowered people and revitalized neighborhoods in tangible testimony to the power of collaboration.

With deep appreciation, I congratulate Rev. Brooks on his 25-year pastorate at Memorial Baptist Church and commend him on a lasting legacy of devoted service to the people of Evansville.

TRIBUTE TO JANNES AND NEIL  
AUPPERLE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jannes and Neil Aupperle of Anita, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 13, 1953 at the United Methodist Church in Anita.

Jannes and Neil's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING JOHN CATSIMATIDIS

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of John Catsimatidis to our nation. John's story showcases the very best of what immigrants can accomplish in our great nation through hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance.

John was born on the Greek island of Nisyros and came to this country when he was just a few months old. He grew up in East Harlem, and attended New York University to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Beginning with partial ownership of a friend's supermarket, he grew his business into a proud pillar of American industry. In addition to Gristedes supermarket, John Catsimatidis's Red Apple Group is primarily an energy company with holdings in oil refining, real estate, aviation, and medical and industrial technology. His businesses, which post annual sales of approximately \$5 billion, employ more than 8,000 people. John's business success came directly from the integration of his own ingenuity with American opportunity, and adds to a long legacy of immigrants who have pushed our nation to greater heights.

John and his family have also been exceptional in their commitment to philanthropy. The Catsimatidis Foundation has been instrumental in supporting numerous worthy causes including the Police Athletic League, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, AHEPA and countless others. His family's generosity will ensure that many thousands will find relief from their suffering and future generations will have access to resources that will allow them to pursue their dreams.

As a benefactor of John's philanthropy, the Order of AHEPA, has promoted the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. AHEPA was instrumental in welcoming the early Greek immigrants as they disembarked at Ellis Island, and eased their assimilation into the American culture by teaching English and finding employment opportunities for these new arrivals.

The Delphi Chapter No. 25 of AHEPA was founded in Manhattan, New York. It has had many notable and prominent members in its history, including many Phil-Hellenes who embraced AHEPA's ideals and values. On March 11, 1931 the then New York State Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt became a member of the Order of AHEPA and joined the Delphi Chapter No. 25 in New York City. The Delphi 25 Chapter continues on today the tradition of AHEPA's ideals and values of promoting education and Hellenism through many efforts of public service and philanthropy.

I join the AHEPA in honoring John Catsimatidis for his numerous achievements and philanthropic efforts in service to the Greek-American community and humanity at large. I thank him for his outstanding service to our country. Worthy. Worthy. Worthy. (Axios. Axios. Axios.)

HONORING TEJINDER KAUR WITH  
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tejinder Kaur as a woman of the year. She has dedicated her career to promoting literacy in her community. Through her work at the Sutter County Library Literacy Services Department she has helped a large immigrant population learn to speak, read, and write in English. Most impressively, Ms. Kaur played a pivotal role in building Sutter County Library's Literacy Services Citizenship Preparation class which has helped students pursuing United States Citizenship. The program has assisted students in the completion of 6,386 applications for Naturalization, 740 applications for Certificates of Citizenship, and 4,000 fee waiver requests. Thanks to Ms. Kaur's work, her students had a guide through the overwhelming process of applying for citizenship and were able to achieve a smooth transition into American culture. Her service to her community goes above and beyond the requirements of her profession. For the past 14 years she has organized the Multicultural Women's Dance which draws women from all

different cultures in the Yuba-Sutter area. She coordinated with the Sutter County Public Health Department to ensure the event would be a healthy learning experience as well as a valuable cultural exchange. Her work has played an important role in bringing her community together to build relationships across cultural barriers. Ms. Kaur's devotion to her work and dedication to her community has had an immense positive impact throughout Sutter County.

CONGRATULATING CARLOS LAATE

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carlos Laate of Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico for his role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and his success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Mr. Laate hails from a long line of artists in the Pueblo of Zuni. Motivated by his mother and grandmother, who were renowned potters, he has been making pottery for more than thirty years.

Mr. Laate's work finds inspiration in the ancient potsherds near his home. It was his grandparents who helped him discover meaning in the images and designs on these ancient works of art, and he strives to incorporate the metaphors, blessings, and prayers from them into his own pieces of pottery.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Carlos Laate for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED  
WAY OF GREATER KANSAS  
CITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the United Way of Greater Kansas City, a leader and innovator of public health and wellness in the Greater Kansas City community, for their one hundred years of service. In 1887, the first "United Way," formerly known as the "Charity Organizations Society," was founded in Denver to plan, coordinate, and fundraise for twenty-two local